

# Camden Hills Regional High School

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Dear family:

Welcome to a new year at CHRHS! I'm William O'Brien, and I love teaching math. This year, my classes are Algebra 1 and AP Calculus. I think math is a valuable and exciting topic of study, and I hope by the end of the year, you agree.

A.P. Calculus is a wonderful class! It ties together much of the algebra that you have learned previously, and gives it meaning. Calculus is the mathematics of change, and it describes much of the world beautifully.

Some suggestions for students this year:

- Form a study group; it's more fun to learn together. MDS is a great place to work.
- Aim to understand rather than memorize, but realize that some memorization with understanding will be necessary.
- Do math five days a week; don't put your work off for the weekend.
- If you start to fall behind, tell me right away, and I can help you. Email me day or night.

Family:

- Encourage your student to tell me if assignments are taking more than an hour outside of class.
- Please email or phone me with any questions or concerns.

Please visit my webpage: <http://math-ob.wikispaces.com>. There you will find all homework assignments, coming events, my course policies, class announcements and other helpful information.

I will provide the support for every student to obtain a 5 on the A.P. Calculus AB exam in May. One of my goals for the year is to not allow any student to earn less than a 3. My other more important goal is to give my students an appreciation of the power and beauty of calculus while instilling the habits of mind required to become lifelong learners.

Once you have read this letter, **please email or phone me** and include any email addresses or phone numbers that you would like me to send correspondence to this year.

I look forward to a productive and enjoyable year!

Regards,

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